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Juveniles referred to HFD FireStoppers Program

Three male juveniles (two 14 year olds and one 10 year old) have been referred to the HFD Juvenile FireStoppers Program as a result of their involvement in setting a fire in a vacant house in the 1100 block of Gibbs on Sunday afternoon. Although firefighters saved more than 85 percent of the structure, fire damaged the structure's rear porch and kitchen causing an estimated \$10,000 in structural damage.

The Houston Fire Department Firestoppers Program is a free education program for children who have played with fire. HFD urges parents to keep their lighters and matches to a minimum and out sight, out of reach and out of mind from children. If your child has been caught playing with fire, don't wait for a fire like these to call the Firestoppers Program for education.

For more information please call the HFD FireStoppers Program at (713) 495-7927 or visit the HFD Website at www.houstonfire.org.